



Getting Things Done in Michigan

Michigan's AmeriCorps

What is AmeriCorps?

AmeriCorps is a national service program that strengthens communities by involving people in service to meet local challenges.

Through AmeriCorps, individuals can serve with community and faith-based organizations, higher education institutions, and public agencies in many ways.

The Corporation for National and Community Service administers AmeriCorps at the federal level and partners with states to fund national service programs locally. The Michigan Community Service Commission administers Michigan's AmeriCorps.

There are 1,211 Michigan's AmeriCorps members serving in 26 programs in 2011.

- Michigan's AmeriCorps provides a **pathway to employment** for more than 1200 Michiganiens by providing them with skills training and professional development opportunities. Many of these individuals are 18 to 25 years old, the age group with the highest unemployment rate in the country.
- Michigan's AmeriCorps members who successfully complete their term of service this year have the potential of earning more than **\$2 million** in education awards.
- Michigan's AmeriCorps members will recruit, place, and/or support more than **24,000 volunteers** this year. Those volunteers may donate upwards of **144,000 hours** of service to their communities.

Financial Impact

\$7,982,247 in Federal Funds has been allotted to the Michigan Community Service Commission for 2010-2011 Michigan's AmeriCorps programs.

\$4,987,962 in Match Funds will be leveraged by those AmeriCorps Programs' local areas in 2010-2011.

"Members serving in the Michigan's Habitat AmeriCorps program allowed us to support 43 partner families last year, and capitalize on more than 6,400 volunteers. Additionally, AmeriCorps members enhanced the activities of 15 Habitat affiliates by deconstructing 59 homes and rehabbing 26 more."

Sandra A. Pearson
CEO, Habitat for Humanity of Michigan



1,207 Michigan's AmeriCorps members were enrolled in 19 programs in 2009-2010.

- Those members spent more than **930,087 hours** in service and training and impacted more than **153,642 students, citizens, and volunteers**.
- Last year, Michigan's AmeriCorps members helped **85,358 individuals** access health care; including diagnosis, follow-up, and/or screening for needed care.
- AmeriCorps members in Michigan provided more than **9,480 individuals** with services related to housing and foreclosure assistance; including connecting them to various resources that allowed them to remain in their homes.
- More than **8,880 children** received tutoring and/or literacy services from Michigan's AmeriCorps members while more than **300 pre-school children** were engaged in literacy and school readiness activities.
- Members in Michigan facilitated pro-social activities for nearly **120 formerly incarcerated individuals**. Those individuals conducted nearly 100 service projects related to neighborhood revitalization.
- In 2009-2010, Michigan's AmeriCorps members helped **4,245 individuals**

receive disaster relief services or disaster education.

- Because of AmeriCorps members in Michigan, more than **8,058 children** benefitted from on-going mentoring relationships in the state.

"AmeriCorps members serving with Schools of Hope are incorporated into Grand Rapids-area elementary schools to improve the reading ability of children, enhance parental efforts to support their children's educational success, and increase the capacity of parents to compete more effectively in the workplace. Their efforts allowed 637 children to receive tutoring last year and 102 parents to participate in the school family literacy program."

Tony Campbell
Vice President of
Community Investment,
Heart of West Michigan
United Way

"Volunteering can help shape you and your community, and it also provides an outlet to address things you are most passionate about. During my time in Congress, I was a strong supporter of AmeriCorps. It provides an excellent opportunity to gain an education and valuable job skills, as well as retain citizens in communities across our state."

Former Representative Vernon J. Ehlers
U.S. Congress
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